



Alpine Lake

*Protection & Rehabilitation
District*

P.O. Box 155, Wautoma, WI 54982

August 28, 2021

Lake Alpine Park Pavilion (combined with the annual picnic afterwards)

ANNUAL Meeting

10:00 am

PRESENT: Mary Sue Braun, Jason Kundinger
Linda Payne, Dave Ripp, Michael Baranowski
GUESTS: Approximately 72 Lake Alpine Residents

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance

- Call to order – Jason Kundinger
- Statement of Proper Posting – via the newsletter
- Secretary's Report – Linda Payne read the minutes from the informational meeting on June 5, 2021 MOTION to accept the report made by Bill Elliott, seconded by John Hobart. MOTION passed.
- Sunshine Committee – Eunice Ripp reported that Bernard Fritz was sent \$50 with a card.
- Water Testing Report – Mary Sue reported that the temperature in spring stayed through most of the summer in the 70's. Visibility went down over the summer.
- Lake Treatment- July 23rd the navigational lanes were treated. The harvester cleared out many weeds for 2 days in August. The upper inlet channels had more density.
- Lake Management plan – we will submit a plan in January and will solicit comments at that time, then it will be submitted to the DNR in March.
- Fish Stocking – We Kare Club had a meeting to discuss the fishery. They will hold one on February 2, 2022 on Kusel Lake. Our fish supplier suggests that we do not plant minnows this year due to the drawdown. We will be planting fish next spring.
- Jason introduced the board members with details on each of their duties and talents. Dave, Michael, Linda and Mary Sue
- Volunteer Dinner – this will be held on September 13th at the Moose Inn. Cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by dinner 7:00. Each volunteer will have their meal paid for up to \$25 each. Anyone can come to enjoy the fellowship and come away with a fabulous prize!
- Annual Audit – the audit of our finances was performed by Ingrid Kundinger and Kathy Kershaw on July 18th, at Mary Sue's home.
- Treasurers Report – Mary reviewed the income statement, pointing out the ending checking account balance is \$59,512 and that includes a CD that we cashed out in preparation for the upcoming expenses with the dredging. Our total assets combined is \$127,400. MOTION to accept the report made by Bill Elliott, seconded by Jan Jaecks
MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

- Dredging- Jason gave an overview of the project. The goal of the project is to remove 300# of silt from the lake in an area 180 feet long and 50 feet wide. Completion will be in May 2022. Drawdown of the water will start the week of September 20, 2021 and should be completed in March 2022, refilling to begin in April 2022. The silt that will be dredged out will be dumped on the farmer field on 22nd and Alpine Drive.
Question – how long will it take to lower the lake – about 2 weeks. Drawdown has to be done sooner to help with the turtles. Boats need to be removed by September 20th. Once the lake is drawn down, you can clean up your shoreline out 30 feet. It's ok to leave your pier in the water.
Question- how long before you can put in boats – probably by Memorial Day. We may have more geese because we won't be able to get to the islands to oil the eggs. We have not lost any fish during the drawdowns. Signs should be posted to indicate the catch and release is in effect during this drawdown. Dredging will only be done on the shoreline. The drawdown results are also influenced by how cold the winter is.
- Financial information on this project. Jason reviewed the bids – we have agreed on the one for \$57,000 from Radtke. Funding will be from the reserves, not the checking account that we use for our yearly expenses. The \$40,000 from the CD will be used plus some from the investment pool. Note: our finances have been increased over the past 30 years just for the expense of drawdowns and dredging projects. Another use for these finances used to be for upkeep of the harvester we owned.
We proposed a plan for the silt pond to the DNR to it won't be so expensive to keep the sediment pond in check to only 5 feet. This could be done with smaller dredging every few years. Suggestion to increase the annual fee per property so we can build our finances again. We are also able to apply for grants if needed. If a catastrophe happens, the dam and lake are owned by the government, no need to worry.
We should have a donation box by the pier for anyone fishing here so we can add to the fish stocking account.
Question if we could get financial assistance from other lakes that are sending their silt to Alpine – no, we asked and were turned down. Suggestion to put a filtration system near the inlet. Years ago we had come up with a plan to create a holding pond, then pump it out. The DNR denied the idea.
Question why didn't the last drawdown get any results – this one is different, as it's deeper. It was pointed out that the silt keeps building up so we have to address this. This is one of the reasons that no more man-made lakes have been approved by the DNR.
MOTION made by Bill Elliott to approve the dredging project, seconded by Ernie Janusz.
MOTION APPROVED.
- NEW BUSINESS
- Budget for 2022 Approval – Mary Sue discussed the 2022 budget. The Lake Management plan line item increased and the Picnic/Meeting was increased. We are proposing \$150 assessment per property. MOTION made by Kathy Kershaw to accept the 2022 budget, seconded by Joan Matone. MOTION PASSED.
- Goose Egg – Clyde Simonson will apply for a permit in January. It will be a challenge to do this during the drawdown. September is geese hunting season, and needs a license.
- Election of Officers and Commissioners – There is 1 position open this term – Linda Payne. Motion made by Bill Elliott to nominate Linda Payne as secretary, seconded by Mary Sue Braun. Linda accepted the position. Commissioner positions are Jason Kunding as Chairman, Treasurer is Mary Sue Braun, Secretary is Linda Payne and Commissioner is Dave Ripp. and Michael Baranowski.
- Public Speakout- noted that we would have a better chance of obtaining a grant after this project, due to our funds being lower. Question if we will all have a chance to review the Lake Management Plan, being prepared by Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds – yes.
- It has been noticed that lawn ornaments near the shore are missing lately. We should all keep a neighborhood watch to prevent this from continuing.
- We Kare Fishing Club – we are one of the 11 lake members of this club and we should continue to support them – be a member and donate time to the fisheree.
- Bill Elliott mentioned that the lake looks better than it has for many years.
- Motion to adjourn by Carlyle Schmidt, seconded by Bill Elliott at 11:15 am